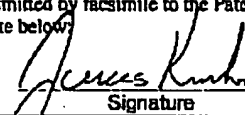


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 15, 006, please consider the included remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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